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Richard N. Codos

Application No. 10/827,097

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Examiner: Ly T. Tran

"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INK
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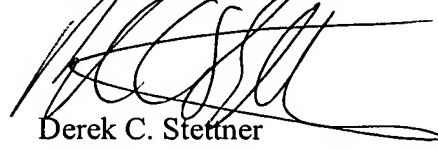
Sir:

Applicant filed supplemental information disclosure statements ("SIDS") pertaining to the above-identified patent application on January 9, 2007 and December 29, 2006. A copy of the SIDS, which have certificates of mailing identifying filing dates of January 9, 2007 and December 29, 2006, are being submitted herewith, along with a copy of postcards stamped by the Patent Office indicating that the Patent Office received the SIDS on January 12, 2007 and January 3, 2007.

Applicant recently received a notice of allowance for this application, but has not yet received any acknowledgment that the references cited in the SIDS have been considered. The deadline for paying the issue fee for this application is **August 13, 2007**.

Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment that these references have been considered and initialed by the Examiner. More particularly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner or the Patent Office fax a copy of the SIDS, in which the Examiner has initialed each of the references cited therein, to the undersigned at the fax number indicated below. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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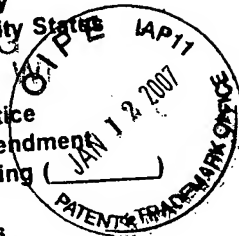
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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B and copies of non-U.S. patent references are attached.

Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that these references are required for submission by MPEP § 2001.06(c), governing information from related litigation, as well as relevant federal case law. See Critikon, Inc. v. Becton-Dickinson Vascular Access, Inc., 120 F.3d 1253 (Fed. Cir. 1997); Golden Valley Microwave Foods, Inc. v. Weaver Popcorn Co., Inc., 837 F. Supp. 1444 (N.D. Ind. 1992); Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. v. Schering-Plough Corp., 68 F. Supp. 2d 508 (D. N.J. 1999); DaimlerChrysler AG v. Feuling Advanced Technologies, Inc., 276 F. Supp. 2d 1054 (S.D. Cal. 2003).

In an effort to help orient the Examiner to these references and facilitate her review, the following brief summaries of some the references are provided:

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EASTERN DIVISION; MEMORANDUM AND ORDER: This reference is a Order issued by the Court in the pending case Leggett & Platt, Inc. v. Vutek, Inc. and, among other things, indicates that claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,755,518, the parent of the present application, are invalid.

No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate.

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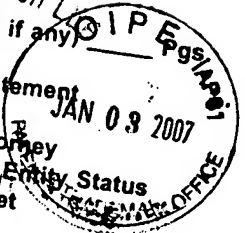
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